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Subject: Project #3028516--Colin Vasquez
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To Seattle Dept of Construction and Inspections, Public Resource Center,
Please include this comment in the record for Project #3028516. We live at 11336 23rd Ave NE,
Seattle, directly adjoining the proposed project, to the south.

We are unfamiliar with the all the rules and requirements related to this project, but wish to remain informed as the process proceeds.

Our primary concern relates to the very large trees on these two parcels, several of which are near the property line between our property and the southern of the two project parcels and have branches that overhang our property. We hope that the permit(s) will require retention of as many of these large trees as possible; ideally it would require retention of all of them. The trees provide habitat, ground stabilization, water uptake and flow moderation, air cooling, and aesthetic value. Our neighborhood is the site of a Seattle Public Utilities green infrastructure demonstration project, designed to reduce stormwater flows out of our neighborhood and ultimately reduce scouring of salmon habitat in Thornton Creek. To allow the removal of large trees, with their tremendous capacity to take up rainwater and release it slowly, would undermine the very significant investment of public/ratepayer funds in the green infrastructure project.

We will call and get more information from Julie Ledoux re: this project, and how we may provide input as it proceeds.

We understand and support the need to increase housing density in Seattle's single-family home neighborhoods, given climate change, housing affordability, and other concerns. While this project will have a major impact on our lives during construction and possibly beyond, we are not opposing the additional density. We just hope to engage with the city to ensure the development is done responsibly.

Thank you,
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